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to the la..aiess poor. Regarding those lands that have got to be reclaimed, I may tell the hon. Member that reclamation would have to be carried out only at considerable cost. If we merely assign these lands to the landless poor, they will be exploited again by interested people who would offer to purchase the lands from them. So it is not good to assign lands which have yet to be reclaimed.''

SRI A. SAMBASIVAM :—" இப்பொழுது அங்கே இருக்கும் தரிசு நிலங்களை சீர்திருத்தம் செய்து கொள்வது என்று அரசாங்கம் முடிவிற்கு வந்திருக்கிறது. அங்கு இருப்பவர்களை வெளியேற்ற வேண்டாம் என்றும் உத்தரவிட்டிருக்கிறார்கள். இருந்தாலும் உடனடியாக ஒரு கமிட்டியை அமைத்தோ அல்லது தாசில்தார் அவர்கள் மூலமாகவோ அங்கு சேர்ந்தால்போல் இருக்கக்கூடிய நிலங்களை உடனடியாக உழுகிறவர்களுக்கு கொடுக்க அரசாங்கம் முன் வருமா என்பதை அறிய விரும்புகிறேன் ? ''

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, the Board of Revenue is examining the proposals and I do hope that final decisions would be arrived at very early.''

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Will the absolutely landless poor who are in possession and cultivating these lands be given priority under this scheme? ''

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Yes, Sir. I shall consider the suggestion of the hon. Member.''

SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR :—" Is there any co-operative cultivation farm in our State? May I know whether any model by-laws of such farm are available now?''

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I would like to have notice.''

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" சிவோஜமா ஆகுபேஷன் நிலங்களை ஜாரி செய்து கொடுப்பதற்கு அரசாங்கத்திற்கு என்ன தடை ? ''

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" We have first to look to the lands that can be assigned without much difficulty and without any further reclamation work. All these questions are being examined by the Board of Revenue. When they submit definite proposals in this regard, the question of assignment will be taken up.''

Excavation of a channel from the Valavanur-Alangal Big Canal to Panampattu lake.

* 376 *Q*.—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN (on behalf of Sri V. R. Nagarajan) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the ryots of Panampattu village in Villupuram taluk presented a petition to the Chief Minister through their elected representative at Villupuram in January 1953 requesting for the excavation of a channel from the Valavanur-Alangal Big Canal to Panampattu lake; and

(*b*) what steps the Government have taken or propose to take?

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THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (a) Yes.

" (b) The Government examined the matter in consultation with the Chief Engineer (Irrigation) and the Collector of South Arcot and found that the proposal to excavate a new supply channel from the Alangal channel to Panampattu lake would not be feasible. They however agreed to carry out at their cost repairs to the masonry works in the abandoned supply channel to the Panampattu tank provided the ryots concerned first cleared the silt in the abandoned channel in consultation with the Public Works Department and also agreed to attend to the future maintenance of the channel under kudimaramat. The Collector of South Arcot was asked to inform the ryots accordingly."

SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN :—" May I know whether the Government had any contact with the people and ascertained their views whether they are ready to de-silt the tank? "

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" We have informed the Collector and we have not heard from him anything definite till now."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" When, in this case, Government had come forward so generously to construct the defunct wall of the channel, would the Government come forward to de-silt the channel also instead of waiting for the villagers coming forward to do the same, which would not be possible in these days of dire poverty? "

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" The Collector did not recommend that because it would be uneconomic. Moreover the Panampattu Village Association has also agreed first to de-silt the channel. When we have asked for concrete information it is not forthcoming."

Governor's tour in the Tanjore district.

* 377 *Q.*—SRI S. RAMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state the total expenditure incurred by the Government on the recent tour of His Excellency the Governor of Madras in the Tanjore district?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" All expenses incurred on Governor's tours are met out of the grant ' Tour Expenses ' included in the Government of India (Governor's Allowances and Privileges) Order, 1950.

" The total expenditure incurred on account of the Governor's tour in Tanjore district during the last week of October 1953 was Rs. 3,458–1–9."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" இந்த ரூ. 3,458-ல் அங்கு கவர்னர் வரும்போது ரோடுகளை ரிபேர் பண்ணுவதற்கும் அங்கு இருக்கக்கூடிய மரங்களுக்கு வெள்ளைச் சாயம் அடித்ததற்கும் செலவழிக்கப்பட்ட தொகை சேர்க்கப்பட்டிருக்கிறதா ? "